



August 10, 2026
Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting & Executive Session

FCMS - Auditorium
625 Grizzly Cub Drive
Franklin, IN 46131
6:00 PM

1. WATCH MEETING LIVE
You Tube Live Stream
2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
 - Pledge of Allegiance
3. RECOGNITION
 - Dr. Clendening & Dr. Worland
 - Individual Student Growth
 - Perfect IREAD Scores
 - National Math Stars
 - ISSMA All-Music Award
 - FCHS Choir State Champions
 - FFA National Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest
 - FCHS Academic Teams
 - IHSAA Boys Golf State Finals
 - IHSAA Boys & Girls State Track & Field
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Board President
 - A. Public Comments on any Consent Agenda Item
Public comments regarding consent agenda items are limited to 3 minutes.
There were no public comments.
Dr. Clendening shared that after 24 years of service, Brian Luse is retiring. Debbie Gill thanked those who gave donations.
 - B. Allowance of Claims and Vouchers
 - C. Approve Minutes
 - D. Donations
 - E. Liability Insurance Renewal
 - F. Personnel Report
 - G. Software Renewals
 - H. Superintendent Membership Dues

- I. Consent Agenda Vote
Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Jennifer Mann and seconded by David Yount, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

A. Committee Updates

- Central Nine

- Athletic Council

Becky Nelson shared that Central Nine will have a meeting this Thursday. Thursday is meet the instructor night for students. As of July, we are sending 132 students to C9. Central Nine is looking for a diesel tech instructor.

No athletic committee report.

B. Back-to-School Update

Dr. David Clendening

C. Quarterly Financial Report

Steve Ahaus

Steve Ahaus reported that the quarterly financial reports are for the second quarter ending June 30th. Revenue was up in our operations fund. We continue working to bring our expenses down. Money was transferred over from our education fund, but that was stopped to help balance that out in June, so we will not be transferring money from education to operations in the second half of the year. Doing this will balance out among the areas. Steve went over the financial reporting ending June 30th, showing the percentages spent.

D. FCS Report on Certified Staff Evaluations

Dr. David Clendening

Under Indiana Code § 20-28-11.5-9 (enacted via school staff performance evaluation statutes), school principals are required to report the aggregate results of staff performance evaluations from the previous school year to the superintendent and the school corporation's governing body before August 15 of each year.

Indiana Code, 20-28-11.5-9, states that school principals are required to report the aggregate results of staff performance evaluations from the previous school year to the superintendent and the school corporation's governing body before August 15 of each year. The state law changed about two years ago regarding how we evaluate our faculty. Last year, a committee was formed to evaluate our plan. The two core performance domains are instruction and classroom environment. Domain 2: Classroom Environment

- Culture of collaboration and respect
- High expectations for success

- Appropriate stakeholder communication

Scoring Weights

- 80% - Teacher Observation Rubric
- - Primary evaluation metric focusing on classroom environment, planning, instruction, and professional responsibilities.
- 20% - PLC Expectations Rubric
 - Measures active collaboration within Professional Learning Communities, contributions to team goals, and collective inquiry.

Professionalism

Teachers must meet all minimum competencies: Attendance, Policies & Procedures, and Respect. A -1.00 point deduction will be applied directly to the summative evaluation for any standards not met.

Dr. Clendening shared the aggregate performance ratings for the district and each building.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Comments on any Action Item

Public comments regarding action items are limited to 3 minutes.
There were no public comments.

B. Notice of Public Hearing for the 2027 Budget

Steve Ahaus

A motion was made to approve to advertise as presented. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by David Yount, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Steve Ahaus requested permission to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2027 budget. The public hearing will be held on September 14, 2026.

C. Resolution to Adopt Bus Replacement Plan

Steve Ahaus

A motion was made giving permission to advertise the Bus Replacement Plan. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Steve Ahaus requested permission to advertise the Resolution to Adopt Bus Replacement Plan for 2027.

D. Resolution to Adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan

Steve Ahaus

A motion was made giving permission to advertise the Capital Projects Fund Plan. This motion, made by Brett Jones and seconded by Jennifer Mann, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Steve Ahaus requested permission to advertise the Capital Projects Fund Plan.

- E. Resolution to Transfer Amount from Cub Quest Fund to the Employer of Choice Fund

Steve Ahaus

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Transfer Amount from Cub Quest Fund to the Employer of Choice Fund. This motion, made by Becky Nelson and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Steve Ahaus requested approval to transfer \$15,000 from the Cub Quest Fund to the Employer of Choice Fund.

- F. Lease Agreement for the property located at 355 N. Morton Street, Franklin, IN

Dr. David Clendening

A motion was passed to approve The Lord's Cupboard and JWA Properties and authorize Dr. Clendening to execute both leases and documents at closing on our behalf. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Dr. Clendening requested approval of the lease agreements for the properties (The Lord's Cupboard and First Insurance Group) at 355 N. Morton Street, Franklin, IN. As we take ownership of the property, they will remain tenants for a period of time, with an October 1, 2026, deadline to vacate. However, The Lord's Cupboard might need an extension until the building they are moving into is completed. Dr. Clendening is also requesting that the Board

give him the authority to sign off on the lease agreements and sign documents at the closing.

7. **DISCUSSION**

A. Curriculum Adoption

Dr. Brooke Worland

Dr. Worland shared two additional novels as part of the FCHS adoption. The HS ELA would like to add *Unbroken* (Young adult adaptation) (English 10) and *Collapse: How Societies Chooses to Fail or Succeed* (English 11 PLC) to the HS curriculum.

B. SLP Toolkit

Jenn Scott

Jenn Scott shared that the SLP Toolkit is a wonderful resource for our speech-language pathologists that they have been using since the spring. It allows them to create present levels for their students and develop goals. There are lesson plans and activities for students. Our SLPs don't have a curriculum like our English teachers do, so they often create materials by downloading apps on their iPads. This tool is comprehensive and will allow them to have everything in one place. The funding source for this is through our Medicaid reimbursement dollars that they generate when they submit for reimbursement. Dollars are not coming out of the education fund. Our SLPs typically have 60-90 kids who they are servicing. This will help the SLPs streamline and keep their data in one place.

C. Public Comments on Discussion Items

Public comments regarding discussion items are limited to 3 minutes. There were no public comments.

8. **BOARD / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Board Comments

Kudos to all the administrators for a great start to the school year. Also, congrats to Benji Betts and Katie Smith for getting the Preschool up and running.

B. Administrative Comments

Dr. Clendening mentioned that a work session needs to be scheduled to review the 2027 budget workshop.

9. **CALENDAR**

A. Calendar of Events

- Joint Meeting with the City of Franklin: August 24, 6:00 pm
- Labor Day Holiday - No School: September 7
- Fall Break - No School: October 12-16

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. This motion, made by David Yount and seconded by Brett Jones, Passed.

Debbie Gill: Yea

Brett Jones: Yea

Jennifer Mann: Yea

Becky Nelson: Yea

David Yount: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

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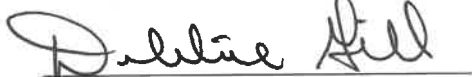
- To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

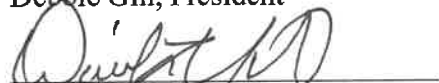
12. 11. I.C. 5-14-9-1

David Yount is an appointed member of the Franklin Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees representing Needham Township appointed by Franklin Community School Board. The date of appointment was January 30, 2025, and the term expires December 31, 2026.

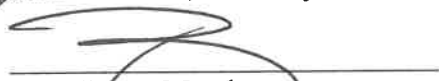
13. FCS reserves the right to move any discussion item to an action item after allowing community comments.

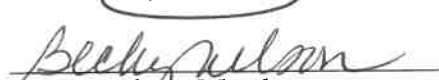
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